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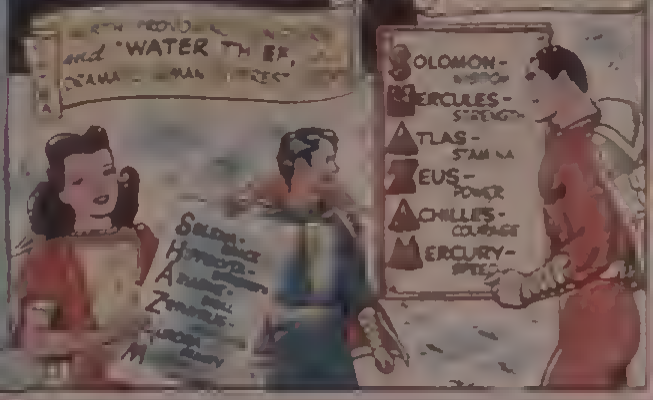

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The Great Plunder!

MANY ARE THE RAVAGES THAT HAVE RIDDEN ROUGHSHOD OVER HUMANITY! BUT THE MOST FRIGHTFUL FORCE OF ALL ATTACKS WHEN THE MARVEL FAMILY BATTLES TO SAVE THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD FROM THE DREAD SPECTRE OF MASS STARVATION!

WARS USUALLY START THIS WAY!

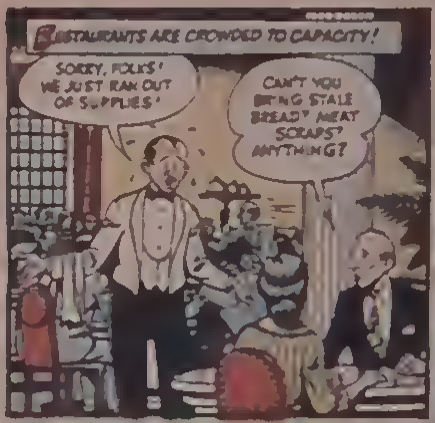
OR THIS WAY!

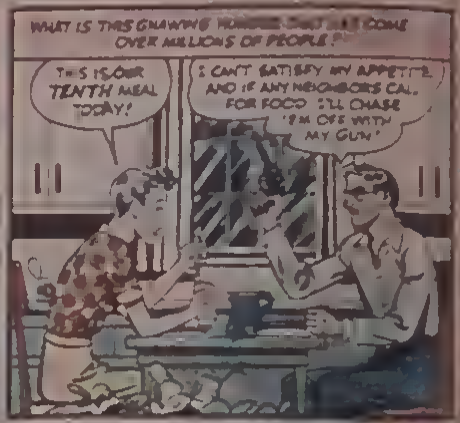
OR THIS WAY!

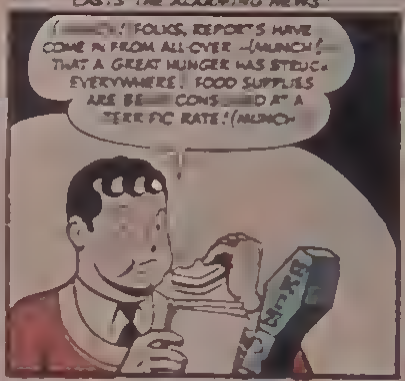
BUT WHAT OF AN UNDECLARED WAR WHICH STARTS THIS WAY, ON A QUIET, PEACEFUL SUNDAY AFTERNOON!
AH! ROAST BEEF! IT'LL TAKE US A WEEK TO EAT IT ALL!

AT FIVE MINUTES LATER...
MAMA! I'M STILL HUNGRY!
EVERY LAST SCRAP IS GONE! AND WE'RE ALL STILL HUNGRY!

IN ANOTHER CITY AT A FOOD STORE...
MY FAMILY IS HUNGRY!
LET ME IN!
FOOD!
SUPER MARKET
FOOD!

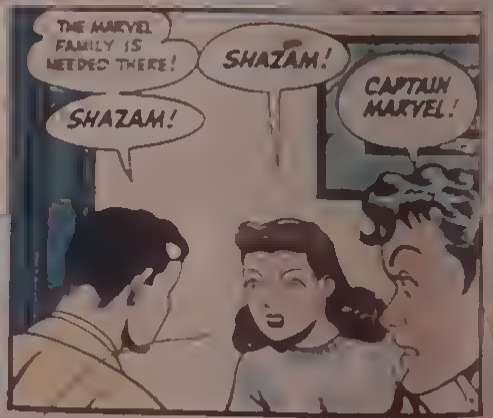

RESTAURANTS ARE CROWDED TO CAPACITY!
SORRY, FOLKS! WE JUST RAN OUT OF SUPPLIES!
CAN'T YOU BRING STALE BREAD? MEAT SCRAPS? ANYTHING?

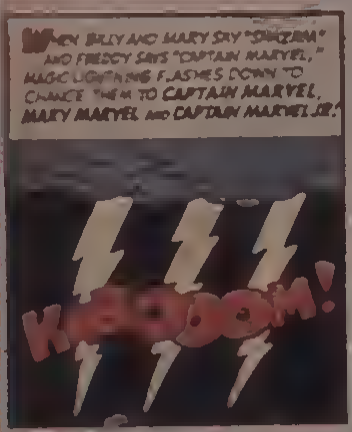

WHAT IS THIS GNAWING HUNGER THAT HAS COME OVER MILLIONS OF PEOPLE?
THIS IS OUR TENTH MEAL TODAY!
I CAN'T SATISFY MY APPETITE AND IF ANY NEIGHBORS CALL FOR FOOD I'LL CHASE 'EM OFF WITH MY GUN!


AT STATION WHIZ, BILLY BATSON BROADCASTS THE ALARMING NEWS!
FOLKS, REPORTS HAVE COME IN FROM ALL OVER —(MUNCH)— THAT A GREAT HUNGER HAS STRUCK EVERYWHERE! FOOD SUPPLIES ARE BEING CONSUMED AT A TERRIFIC RATE! (MUNCH)

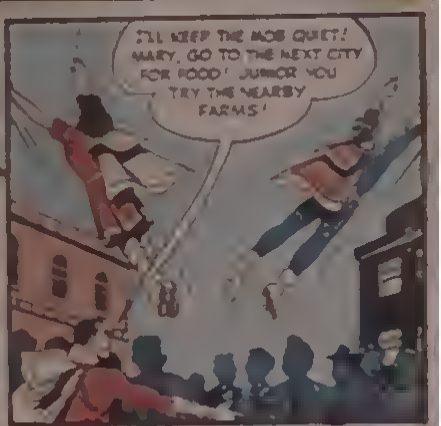
WHEN FREDDY FREEMAN AND MARY BATSON DROP IN...
I HAD TO BRING LUNCH ALONG FOR FEAR I WOULD STARVE ON THE WAY! OH, BOY! WHAT TERRIBLE THING IS HAPPENING?
IF THIS KEEPS UP THERE'LL BE BIG TROUBLE!

WELL, HERE IT IS ALREADY! THE TOWN OF VALDONIA IS HAVING FOOD RIOTS! THE HUNGRY PEOPLE ARE GOING BERSERK!

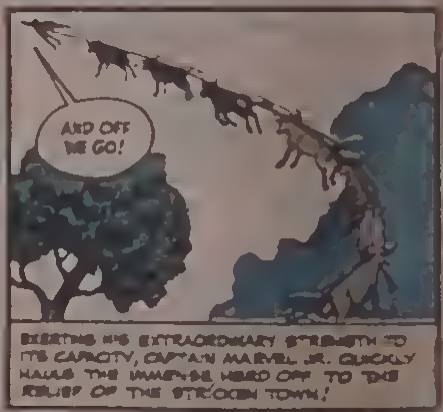

THE MARVEL FAMILY IS NEEDED THERE!
SHAZAM!
SHAZAM!
CAPTAIN MARVEL!



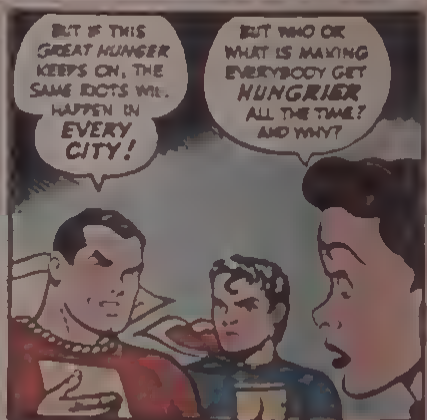
MEANWHILE, IN HUNGER STRICKEN VALDONIA...



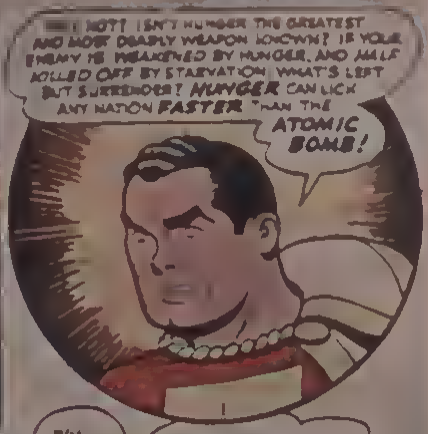
MEANWHILE, OUT IN THE FARM AREA...

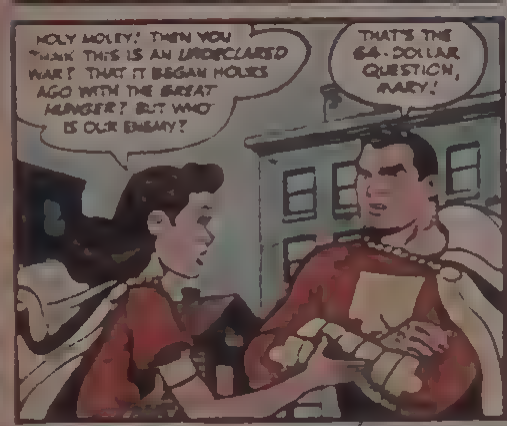


AND SOON, THE FAMINE IN VALDONIA IS ERASED!



I WONDER IF THIS COULD BE A --- WAR!
WAR?
HUH? WAR? THAT'S SILLY, CAL! WHO EVER HEARD OF FIGHTING A WAR WITH -ER- HUNGER?

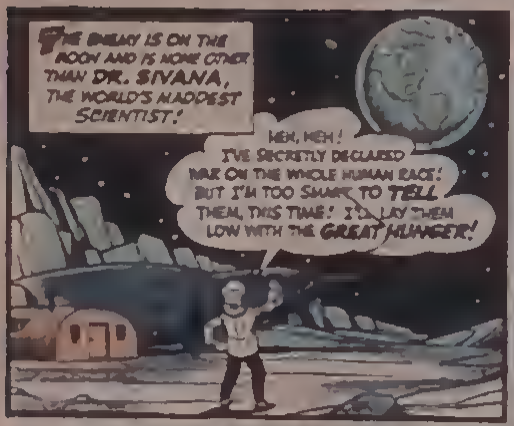

NOT? ISN'T HUNGER THE GREATEST AND MOST DEADLY WEAPON KNOWN? IF YOUR ENEMY IS WEAKENED BY HUNGER, AND HALF KILLED OFF BY STARVATION, WHAT'S LEFT BUT SURRENDER? HUNGER CAN LICK ANY NATION FASTER THAN THE
ATOMIC BOMB!

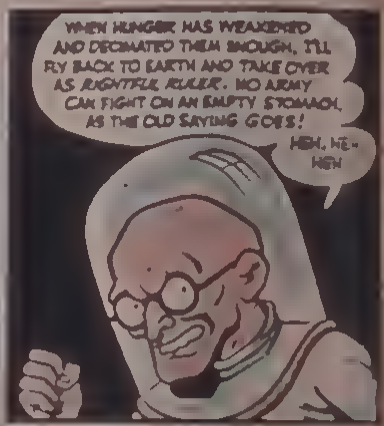

HOLY MOLEY! THEN YOU THINK THIS IS AN UNDERCLARED WAR? THAT IT BEGAN HOURS AGO WITH THE GREAT HUNGER? BUT WHO IS OUR ENEMY?
THAT'S THE 64-DOLLAR QUESTION, MARY!

I'M HUNGRY!
WHAT ENEMY ON EARTH WOULD CARRY OUT A FIENDISH WAR LIKE THIS? WHO CAN THE HEARTLESS BEASTS BE?

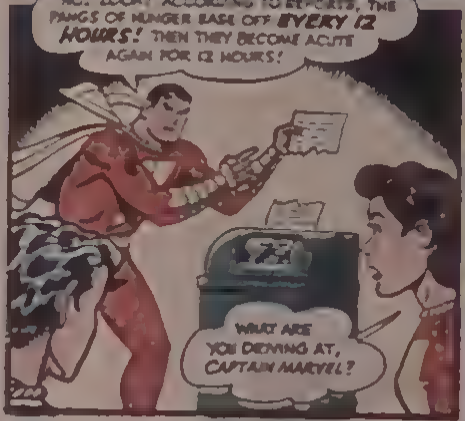
LET'S FIND OUT! WE'LL SEARCH THE WHOLE WORLD TILL WE FIND THE ANSWER!

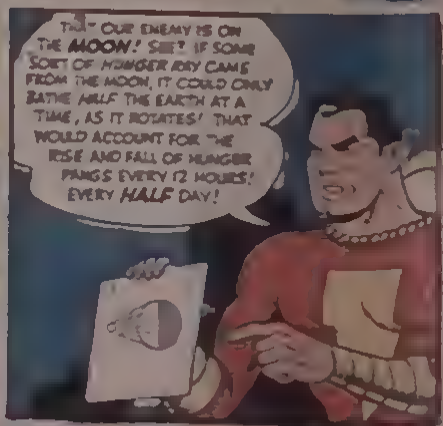
BUT THE ENEMY THEY SEEK IS NOT ON EARTH AT ALL!
HEH, HEH HEH!





MEANWHILE, BACK ON EARTH, AN EXCITEDLY PUZZLED MARVEL FAMILY RETURNS FROM ITS SEARCH OF THE WORLD!



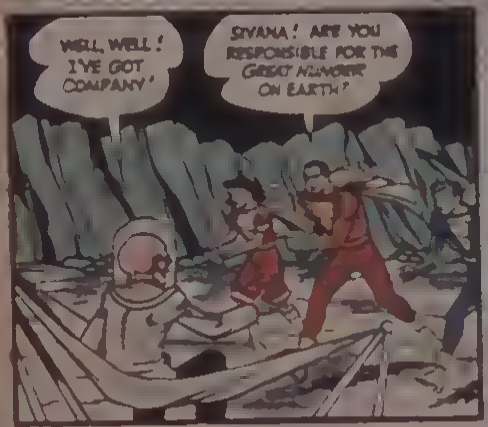


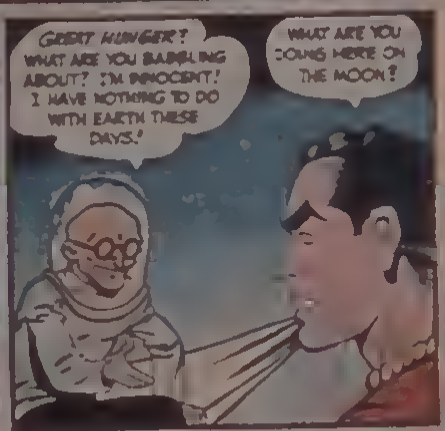
SMART THINKING, CAP! THEN IT'S OFF TO THE MOON FOR US!

CURSES! I SEE THE MARVEL FAMILY COMING! I DIDN'T THINK THEY'D CATCH ON TILL TOO LATE! BUT I'M READY FOR THEM!

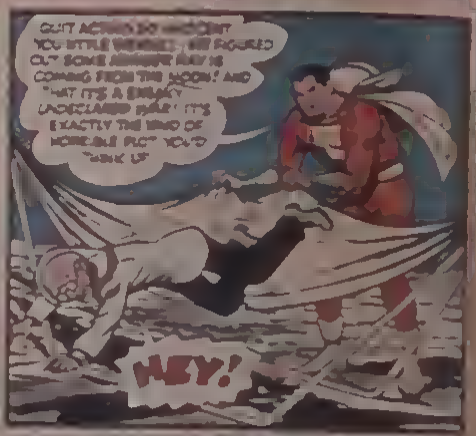
MAYBE THE ENEMY IS SOME HORRIBLE, RUTHLESS RACE FROM OUTER SPACE!
BE PREPARED FOR ANYTHING, KIDS! WE MAY HAVE TO FIGHT OUR WAY AGAINST A HORDE OF EVIL BEINGS WITH FRIGHTFUL WEAPONS!

BUT AFTER SEARCHING AND CIRCLING THE MOON...
HOLY MOLEY! NOT A SOUL ON THE MOON EXCEPT— SIVANA!
COULD HE BE THE CULPRIT?

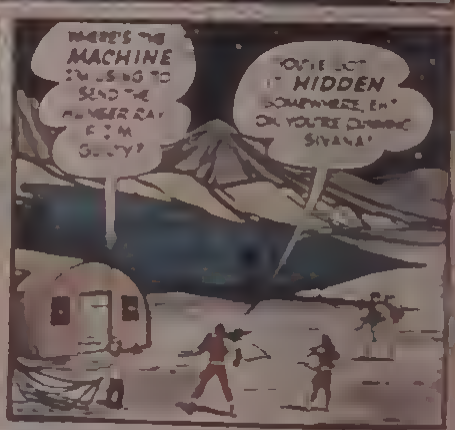

WELL, WELL! I'VE GOT COMPANY!
SIVANA! ARE YOU RESPONSIBLE FOR THE GREAT HUNGER ON EARTH?


GREAT HUNGER? WHAT ARE YOU BABBLING ABOUT? I'M INNOCENT! I HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH EARTH THESE DAYS!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE ON THE MOON?

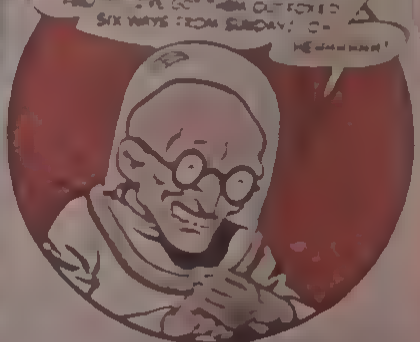
RESTING! JUST RESTING! THAT'S ALL!


QUIT ACTING SO INNOCENT YOU LITTLE WEASEL! WE FIGURED OUT SOME ARMORY RAY IS COMING FROM THE MOON! AND THAT IT'S A ENEMY UNDECLARED WAR! IT'S EXACTLY THE KIND OF HORRIBLE PLOT YOU'D THINK UP!
HEY!

YOU'RE BLUFFING! THE GREAT ALIGER! CONFESS!
PROVE IT! YOU'VE GOT TO HAVE EVIDENCE FIRST!


WHERE'S THE MACHINE YOU'RE USING TO SEND THE ALIGER RAY FROM GUILTY?
YOU'VE GOT IT HIDDEN SOMEWHERE, EH? OR YOU'RE DRINKING SIVANA!

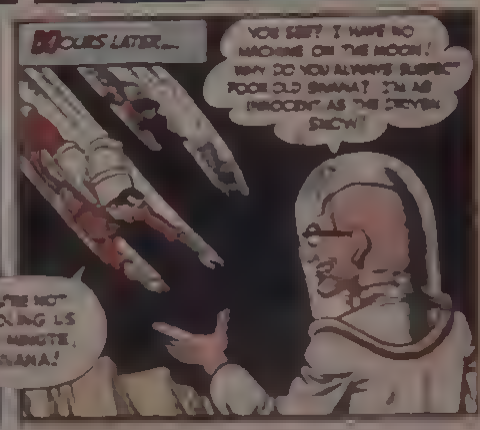
BUT WE'LL FIND YOUR MACHINE! WE'LL SEARCH THE MOON ALL DAY! NOW TELL US WHERE IT IS!
HEY! HEY! HEY!


HE-HEH-HEH! THAT'S THE BEST PART OF MY SCHEME! THE ALIGER RAY MACHINE IS SO WELL HIDDEN THAT THEY'LL NEVER FIND IT! I'VE GOT THEM OUT FOR 6 SIX WAYS FROM SUNDAY! OH-
HE-HEH-HEH!

DESPERATELY, THE MARVEL FAMILY SEARCHES!
IS THE MACHINE IN THIS DEEP CRATER? NO – NOTHING HERE!

NO MACHINE OF ANY KIND IN THAT CAVE!

WHERE-IS THAT MACHINE OF SIVANA'S?


60 HOURS LATER...
YOU SEE? I HAVE NO MACHINE ON THE MOON! WHY DO YOU ALWAYS SUSPECT POOR OLD SIVANA? I'M AS INNOCENT AS THE DEVIL'S SNOW!
YOU'RE NOT FOOLING US ONE MINUTE, SIVANA!

BEFORE BEAT ME
ANOTHER PLAN!
KILLER.

NO, NO, LET ME DOWN. YOU FEEL OK.
SIVANA, AS WE DRAW NEAR THE HIDDEN
HEMBREY!
CATCH ON?

THE STRANGE BUT CLEVER PLAN WORKS, FOR AS THEY DRIVE IN WIDE CIRCLES...

FOOD! GIVE ME FOOD!

HAH! THAT MEANS YOU ARE BEING BATHED BY THE FULL FORCE OF THE HUNGER RAY FROM BELOW!

THE MACHINE MUST BE DOWN THERE! NO WONDER WE COULDN'T FIND IT! IT WAS DISGUISED AS A MOUNTAIN! GO AND SMASH IT OPEN, MARY AND JUNIOR!

THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST BOY AND GIRL DEMOLISH THE FALSE MOUNTAIN AND THE TERRIBLE MACHINE WITHIN!

CRASH!

BANG!

AND THAT'S THE END OF YOUR WAR SIGNAL! ANOTHER WEEK OR TWO AND YOU MIGHT HAVE WON! YOUR TURN NEXT, MARY AND JUNIOR!

EARTH QUICKLY RETURNS TO NORMAL WITH THE DEVILISH HUNGER RAY GONE!

EVENING STAR

EXTRA! EXTRA!

GREAT HUNGER GONE: FOOD STOCKS INCREASING: BUSINESS AS USUAL

BUT FOLKS, THERE'S A LESSON IN ALL THIS! THE NEXT WAR MIGHT BE JUST AS FRIGHTFUL AND UNEXPECTED AS THAT!

SO LET'S NOT HAVE WARS ANY MORE!

EVER!

EXCITING FUN!
Measures distance you walk!
GET THIS SPORTS
PEDOMETER
HERE'S YOUR CHANCE
ONLY 25¢
BETTY CROCKER SOUP

LADY LEE
MOVED
THAT'S INCREDIBLE!
WHAT'S INCREDIBLE?
I'VE BEEN WRITING YOU FOR MONTHS AND YOU HAVEN'T BUDGED FROM HERE YOU HAVEN'T MOVED AN INCH.
AW YOU'RE EXAGGERATING SURE I MOVED
OH YEAH? WHEN DID YOU MOVE LAST?
FIVE AND A HALF MONTHS AGO
YOU MEAN YOU ACTUALLY MOVED FIVE AND A HALF MONTHS AGO?
THAT'S RIGHT--THERE WAS AN EARTHQUAKE!
BONGAR BENNY
DIG

SAM SPADE
WILDROOT
Hair Tonic
CREAM-OIL
LANOLIN

MARY MARVEL BECOMES THE WORLD'S ADDEST GIRL!

THE LOCAL MARY MARVEL CLUB HOLDS A PARTY TO WHICH THE BOYS HAVE BEEN INVITED, AND THE GUEST OF HONOR IS NONE OTHER THAN... MARY MARVEL!

MARY MARVEL CLUB

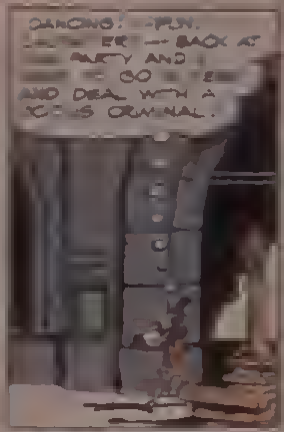
THANKS FOR INVITING ME. I'M HAPPY TO BE HERE AND TO LEARN THAT THIS MARY MARVEL CLUB IS [illegible] THE PROCEEDS OF THIS PARTY TO CHARITY

COME ON, LET'S DANCE, BE [illegible]

MARY MARVEL, I'M DICK SMITH. MAY I HAVE THIS DANCE?

BUT YOU'VE NO TIME! [illegible] DUE BACK AT COURT TO [illegible] DANCE AGAIN [illegible] NEXT WEEK

THE [illegible] STORY [illegible] NEVER HAVE [illegible] TO ENJOY MYSELF. IT'S RUSH HERE--RUSH THERE. I CAN'T RELAX AND HAVE A GOOD TIME LIKE [illegible] GIRL


DARONG! --FUN. --ER -- BACK AT
PARTY AND
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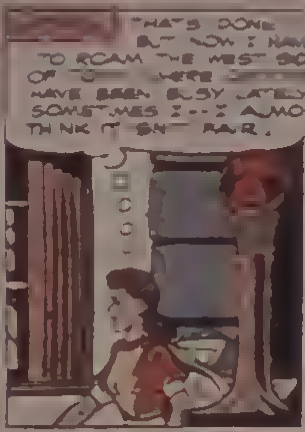
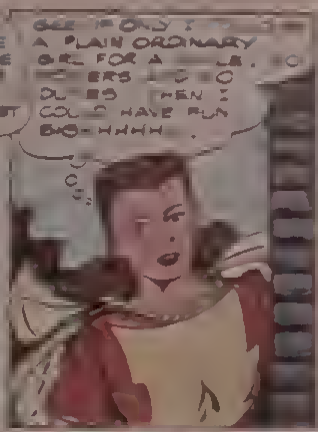
AND DEAL WITH A
OUS ORMINAL.


THAT'S DONE
BUT NOW I HAVE
TO ROAM THE WEST SIDE
OF
HERE
HAVE BEEN BUSY LATELY
SOMETIMES I -- I ALMOST
THINK IT'S NOT FAIR.


SEE IF ONLY I
A PLAIN ORDINARY
GIRL FOR A
LE.
ERS
DU ES
HEN I
COULD HAVE FUN
BOO-HHHH.

MARY MARVEL DOES
NOT KNOW THAT HER
BAD THOUGHTS ARE
REACHING THE ROCK
OF ETERNITY THE
ABODE OF SHAZAM,
THE WISE WIZARD.
MARVEL'S
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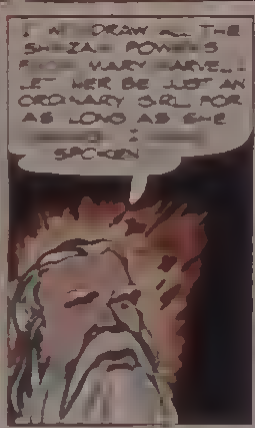
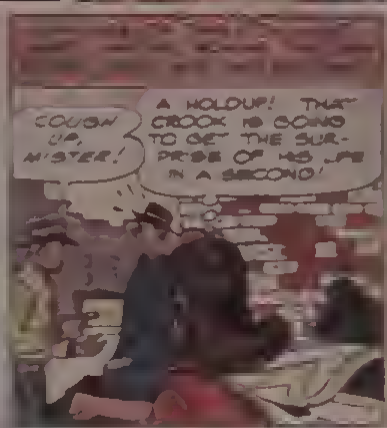
BLAME HER.
THERE'S ONLY
TO DO--
ER HAVE FUN.
BUSY

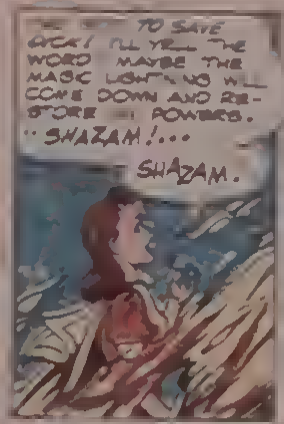

I WITHDRAW ALL THE
SHAZAM POWERS
FROM MARY MARVEL.
LET HER BE JUST AN
ORDINARY GIRL FOR
AS LONG AS SHE
SPOKEN

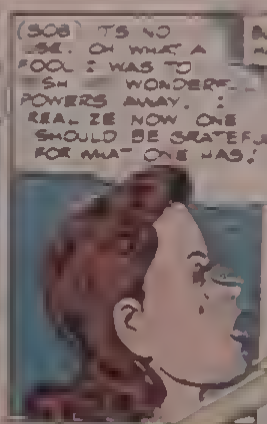

COUGH
UP,
MISTER!
A HOLDUP! THAT
CROOK IS GOING
TO GET THE SUR-
PRISE OF HIS LIFE
IN A SECOND!

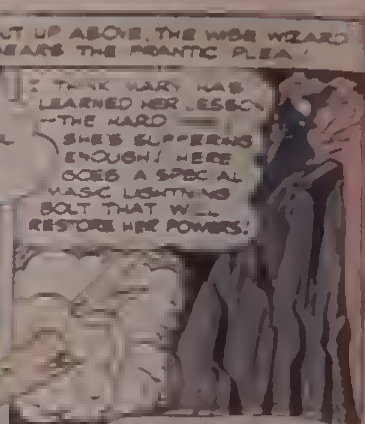
HA
PAT

THE
BEFORE
REALLY GET
HURT
THANKS FOR TRY-
NG TO HELP SS.
BUT CROOK GOT
MONEY. TOO BAD
YOU WEREN'T MARY
LEVEL OR
HAVE
PED HIM.
BUT I AM
MARY
MARVEL
OLD SHAZAM
MUST HAVE TAKEN
MY POWERS AWAY
SHE'S
SLIGHT
SLAP-
HAPPY.
BLOP!
AN ORDINARY
CHASE CROOKS
WHO HAS COME TRUE
YAYYYYYYYY
BE SURE.
OWWW!
DOES THAT
HURT!

BUT THAT PROVES MY POWERS ARE GONE! WHEEEEE. NOW TO JOIN THE PARTY I HAD TO LEAVE BEFORE.
MARY MARVEL. YOU'RE BACK! BUT I THOUGHT YOU WERE SO BUSY.
NOT NOW DICK MAY WE HAVE THAT DANCE NOW?
OH THIS IS HEAVEN.
OH. THAT GIRL ACCIDENTALLY KNOCKED THAT CANDLE OVER — SET FIRE TO THE DRAPES!
HELP!
THE BURNING DRAPE — IT FELL DOWN ON DICK!
(GASP) OHHHHH. THE HEAT--- - I CAN'T-- (GASP)
GOOD HOLEY! I FORGOT MY SHAZAM POWERS ARE GONE! BEFORE, I COULD LAUGH AT FIRE! NOW IT WOULD BURN ME LIKE ANY OTHER GIRL. AND DICK--- I CAN'T SAVE HIM!
HELP! HELP!


TO SAVE
OKA! I'LL YELL THE
WORD MAYBE THE
MAGIC LIGHTNING WILL
COME DOWN AND RE-
STORE MY POWERS.
SHAZAM!...
SHAZAM.


(SOB) IT'S NO
USE. OH WHAT A
FOOL I WAS TO
WONDERFUL
POWERS AWAY.
REALIZE NOW ONE
SHOULD BE GRATEFUL
FOR WHAT ONE HAS!


BUT UP ABOVE, THE WISE WIZARD
HEARS THE FRANTIC PLEA!
I THINK MARY HAS
LEARNED HER LESSON
—THE HARD
SHE'S SUFFERING
ENOUGH! HERE
GOES A SPECIAL
MAGIC LIGHTNING
BOLT THAT WILL
RESTORE HER POWERS!

ONLY A FEW SECONDS HAVE
PASSED AND NOW BELOW—
THE MAGIC
LIGHTNING—
I CAN FEEL
THE POWERS
FLOWING BACK
INTO ME!
NO TIME TO
WASTE...

LUCKILY NOTHING
BUT THESE DRAPES
CAUGHT FIRE! I'LL
EXTINGUISH THE
FLAMES OUTSIDE!

A MOMENT
LATER—
GOSH, THANKS,
MARY MARVEL! I'M
ALL RIGHT, EXCEPT
FOR A FEW MINOR
BURNS!

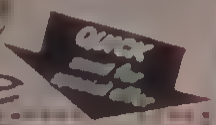
YOU KNOW MARY,
YOU ARE WONDERFUL
GEE,
CAN ANYONE ASK
THAN THE
RESPECT AND
AFFECTION OF
FRIENDS.

Hear that WHISTLE!—Look at 'em GO! See that Steam Loco puff SMOKE!

[illegible]

[illegible] Trains [illegible] send for the big [illegible] special offer [illegible] See [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

EXTRA! OFFER! 33¢



We [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] of [illegible]

[illegible] for [illegible]

[illegible] Buildings for your [illegible]

[illegible] package [illegible] & handling costs. [illegible] to please order [illegible] wonderful offer, here!

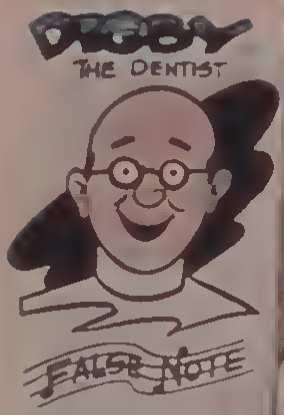
[illegible] Boys

[illegible]

[illegible] and [illegible] of building [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]



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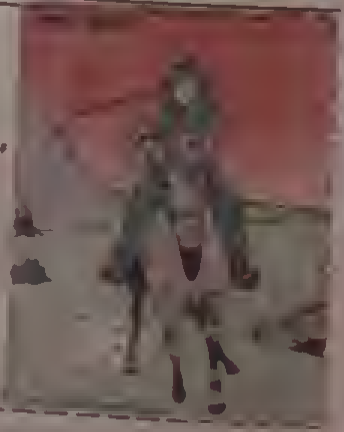


THE
MARVEL
FAMILY
PUZZLE PAGE

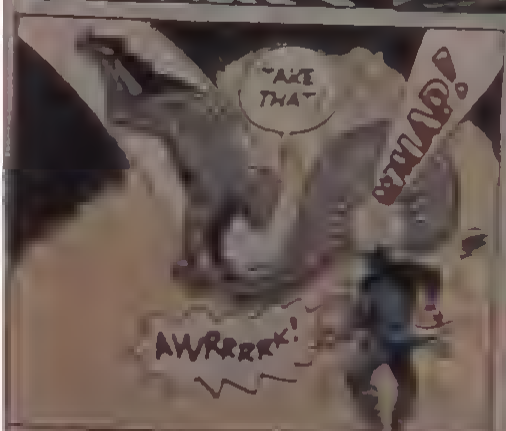
Capt. Marvel Jr. and The Nutty Squirrel
PACKED WITH DYNAMITE!
YOU PEOPLE ARE NUTTY IF YOU THINK YOU CAN ESCAPE FROM THE SQUIRREL!
DRUGS
AND THIS IS THE SQUIRREL
HE'S CUTE TOO

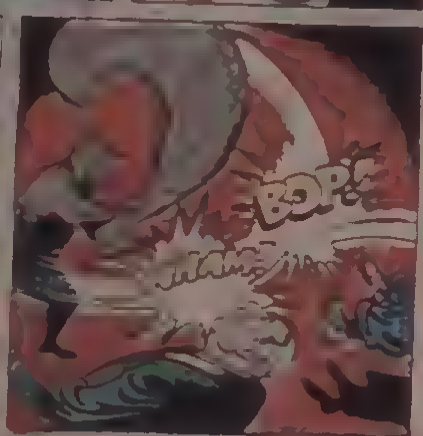
HEY, LOOK! A GUY DRESSED LIKE A SOLDIER!
HE MUST BE SOLDIERLEY! HO! HO!

LOOK! HE'S CLIMBING!

THE SOLDIER IS NUTTY! HO! HO!
I'LL SHOW YOU!

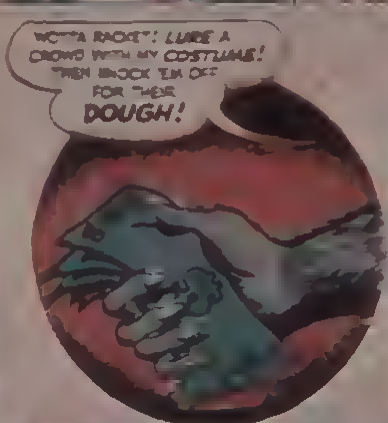
FOOLS!

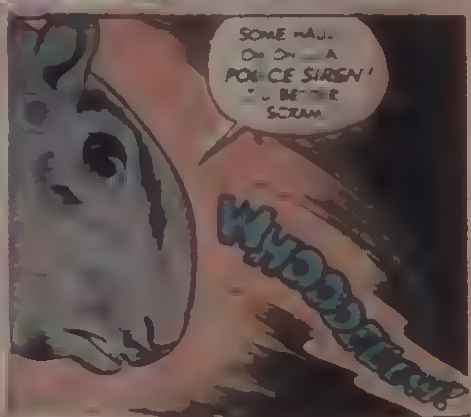

TAKE THAT!
THAP!
AWRRRRK!


BOP!

HE'S CRAZY! RUN!
CALL THE POLICE!

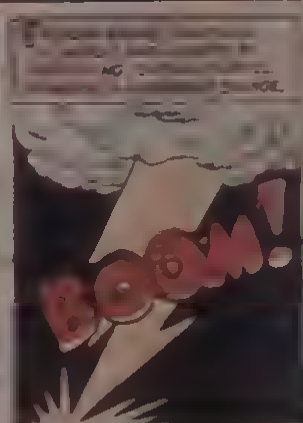
THE SQUIRREL WAS GOBBLES THE NUTS


WOW'A RACKET! LURE A CROWD WITH MY COSTUME! THEN KNOCK 'EM OFF FOR THEIR DOUGH!


SOME HAS DIED ON A POLICE SIREN! BETTER SCRAM
WHOOOOSH!

THESE STEEL CLAWS ARE GREAT FOR CLIMBING

FREDDY FREEMAN HEARS THE SIREN "DO!"
CAPTAIN MARVEL!

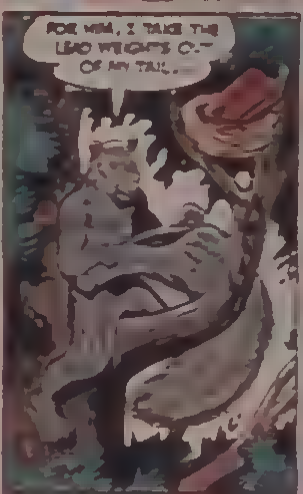

BOOOM!

BECOMES CAPTAIN MARVEL JR., THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST BOY!
THE POLICE CARS HEADING SOUTH. I'LL FOLLOW!
SANTAVILLE...
GOT TO GET TO MY TREE TOP HIDE-OUT IN THE PARK ACROSS THE STREET
GRAB THE WIRE!
AND SWING!
THE COPS WON'T LOOK FOR A FLYING SQUIRREL!
AND NOBODY'D THINK OF LOOKING FOR THE SQUIRREL IN A TREE! TOO OBVIOUS! THAT'S WHY I MADE THIS MY HIDE-OUT!
WHAT HAPPENED?
A SQUIRREL HIT ME!
OOOOH, MY HEAD!

AH "THERE'S OFFICER JIM" I'LL JOIN HIM AND LEARN WHAT'S HAPPENED!

THAT'S A SQUIRREL COMMIT ... HAS TAIL AND TOOK ALL OUR MONEY!
SQUIRREL! THAT'S RIDICULOUS!
IT'S SO SO!

OH, OH! THERE'S CAPTAIN MARVEL JR. BUTTING IN! WELL ... HE COMES AFTER ME ... HIM!

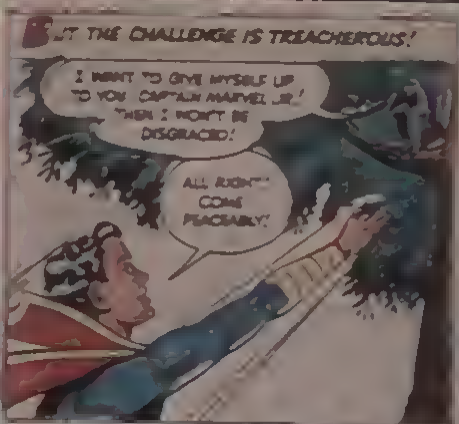

FOR HIM, I TAKE THE LEAD WEIGHTS OFF MY TAIL...

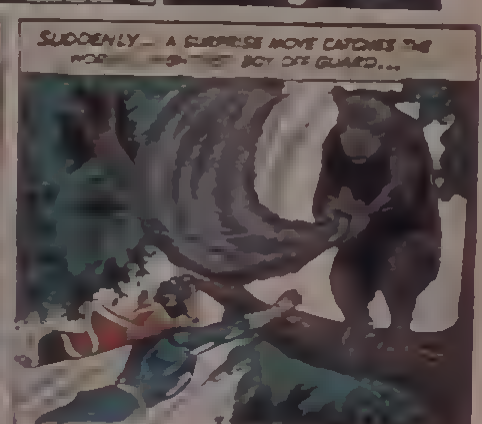
...AND PUT IN SOME DYNAMITE!

HEH HEH! NOW ... FINISH OFF CAPTAIN MARVEL JR.

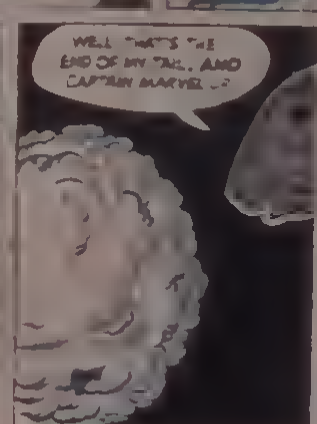
HEY CAPTAIN MARVEL JR! I'M THE SQUIRREL COME AN GET ME!

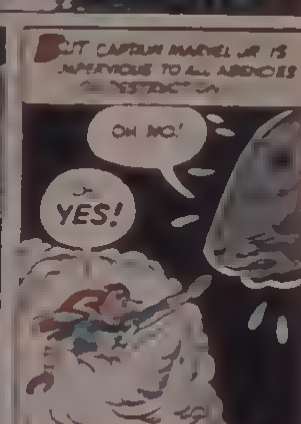
WORDS FAIL! A CRIMINAL IS ACTUALLY CHALLENGING CAPTAIN MARVEL JR!


BUT THE CHALLENGE IS TREACHEROUS!
I WANT TO GIVE MYSELF UP TO YOU CAPTAIN MARVEL JR! THEN I WON'T BE DISGRACED!
ALL RIGHT! COME PEACEABLY!


SUDDENLY — A SURPRISE MOVE CATCHES THE BOY OFF GUARD...

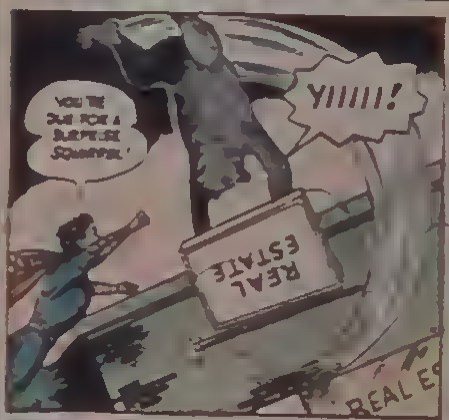
AND HE IS SLUGGED... WITH DYNAMITE!
BOOM!


WELL THAT'S THE END OF MY TAIL. AND CAPTAIN MARVEL...?


BUT CAPTAIN MARVEL JR IS IMPERVIOUS TO ALL AGENCIES DESTRUCTION
OH NO!
YES!

BUT I'LL ESCAPE YET!

REAL ESTATE


YOU'RE DUE FOR A SURPRISE SQUIRREL!
YIIIIII!
REAL ESTATE
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REAL ESTATE

HERE HE IS JIM ALL READY FOR CALLING IN YOUR COOLER!

Later...
WHO'S THAT MACHINE IN
THAT'S NUMBER 6743! FORMERLY THE SQUIRREL! COULD'VE BEEN A GREAT CIRCUS ABRAHAM BUT HE STUPIDLY CHOSE A LIFE OF CRIME! IT NEVER PAYS!

LAZY LEE
NO KIDDING LAZY LEE YOU'RE THE "LAZIEST" BOY I'VE EVER SEEN!
IF YOU THINK I'M LAZY, YOU SHOULD SEE MY FATHER.
YOU MEAN HE'S LAZY TOO!
HE WAS A FAMILY SUPPORT!
I KNOW BUT IT WAS BECAUSE IF HIS FAMILY THEY DIDN'T WORK HE'D BE TENDER HEARTED!
TOO TENDER HEARTED!
THAT'S RIGHT, HE WAS SO INTERESTED IN LOOKING OUT FOR HIS FAMILY--
--HE USED TO SIT BY THE WINDOW ALL THE TIME AND LOOK OUT FOR US!

ADVENTURES NIP TUCK
TRADE & MARK
COUGH!
A BAD COUGH MISTER, BETTER HAVE A SMITH BROTHERS.
HARUMPH
LATER
GOT!
DELICIOUS
Believes Tickle Soothes Soreness
5¢
SMITH BROTHERS
COUGH DROPS

WEATHER
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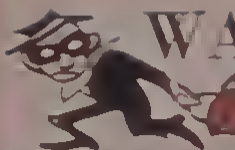
PRICE
HEADLINE HARRY
LOAFS
BREAD AND
CONK!
A GOOD
STORY

THE MARVEL FAMILY

INSIDE OF COURSE!
NOT WITHOUT A TICKET! WHERE'S YOUR POUCH?
CONK!
SMACK!

THE MARVEL FAMILY
BLUEBERRY
LATER



WATER THIEF

By LARRY STEINFELDT

THROUGH [illegible] the window of the cottage Terry saw Rock Forde [illegible] coming [illegible] walk. She saw [illegible] father come [illegible] behind the house where he had been tend[illegible] his garden, and nod [illegible] Rock Forde, a big hulk of a man with [illegible]gh unkempt red hair didn't return the greeting. "You're a stubborn mule, Rov[illegible]," he snarled. "I made you a reasonable [illegible] You forget that we're foreigners."

"Not as foreign as you are—on a piece [illegible] ground [illegible] when [illegible]," Terry heard her father reply in a soft [illegible]

"[illegible]en you [illegible] the island, we don't want you on this island. You're stea[illegible] [illegible] of our moorings by [illegible] lobsters out of our sea[illegible]."

"On off my property!" [illegible] Roy[illegible] [illegible]

The man walked insol[illegible] [illegible] stopped at the gate [illegible] warned you[illegible]," he said.

"[illegible]," Terry said when her father came [illegible] [illegible]m worried. I'm afraid [illegible]."

[illegible] a big bag of w[illegible] [illegible] reassured her.

Terry [illegible] Royal [illegible] Raven Island [illegible] Maine to live and [illegible] had been good [illegible] had [illegible] them to forget and make a [illegible] new life. Terry's mother had died before they left their [illegible] home where [illegible] had gone dust dry and stopped producing [illegible] her father had grown [illegible] Terry's mother. On the plains [illegible] the [illegible] Roy[illegible] had [illegible] of making his [illegible] and when tragic happenings [illegible] it impossible to stay [illegible] had come to Maine and bought a [illegible] a strong outboard motor [illegible] who had preceded them [illegible] Roy[illegible] [illegible] lobster pots.

[illegible] her. She helped him [illegible] the [illegible] pots [illegible] baiting the traps [illegible] she often went to the mainland with her father when he delivered [illegible] fish company twenty miles away. The [illegible] work he did [illegible] to assist him in gathering the lobsters [illegible] [illegible] A M[illegible] [illegible] wanted Terry to be getting [illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible]ps to the main[illegible] [illegible] a [illegible] dress to wear to the church [illegible] dance. She was [illegible] [illegible] Mrs. Br[illegible]tree [illegible] lived alone and was their nearest [illegible] Near Mrs. B[illegible] she [illegible] heard a roaring [illegible] and whi[illegible] [illegible] a [illegible] S[illegible] into a mud-filled ditch.

She stood up and looked at [illegible] that [illegible] the [illegible] the license plate. Her pretty party [illegible] so much. Someone had tried to k[illegible] [illegible] "Th[illegible] Mrs. Bra[illegible] [illegible] to her. Are yo[illegible] [illegible] Mrs. B[illegible]ee had [illegible] be [illegible] [illegible] low. She made Terry stay [illegible] to make the dress pretty again. T[illegible] spent the af[illegible] [illegible] arrived back home she saw that her [illegible] [illegible] S[illegible] fo[illegible]

"Terry, I had to go to the mainland. [illegible] [illegible] wanted to see [illegible] The [illegible]sage sa[illegible] urgent[illegible] [illegible] back [illegible]."

Terry [illegible]anged her [illegible]ngs and [illegible] [illegible] from where she stood she [illegible] each [illegible] trap her father had set out. She [illegible] [illegible] at [illegible] awe[illegible]ng [illegible]

The [illegible] the steamer passed [illegible] [illegible] the mainland now until tomorrow [illegible] [illegible]ppy her [illegible] good [illegible]. But she wished her father were home [illegible] she [illegible] get [illegible]. She decided to get [illegible] [illegible] father [illegible] stay away too [illegible] was [illegible] [illegible] at the window [illegible] [illegible]ng [illegible] for a [illegible] [illegible] a [illegible].

[illegible] was growing [illegible] [illegible] dam[illegible] [illegible] father came back [illegible] [illegible] be [illegible] go. Her dress, the [illegible] [illegible] and owned [illegible] [illegible]. She [illegible] not to, [illegible] [illegible] seeing [illegible]y about th[illegible]

She saw the moon come [illegible] because her father's [illegible] the bay would be [illegible] dark.

The dark [illegible] window wondering and worrying. Sodden- [illegible] a g[illegible] her. She heard [illegible] familiar bugging of her father's [illegible] a good [illegible] she laughed. The [illegible] grew [illegible] as [illegible] boat stopped. I[illegible] come on to the [illegible] Royall landing. The [illegible] had st[illegible]ed among the [illegible] obster pots and by [illegible] see [illegible] was [illegible] from one to the other.

[illegible] understand why her father was stopping to attend to [illegible] ear y. He never varied [illegible] A. M [illegible] ng [illegible] An[illegible] T[illegible]ed, hadn't he come on to let [illegible] he was [illegible]

A[illegible] ought not be her father [illegible] there! [illegible] her father's gun [illegible] as a precaution [illegible] went [illegible] to the [illegible]ry. S[illegible] go' [illegible] Rowing had never been easy [illegible]

[illegible] didn't see [illegible] mysterious boat [illegible] be around [illegible] back [illegible] Rock where many [illegible] her [illegible] pots were. She rowed [illegible] motor cough [illegible]kly and start [illegible] and [illegible] gotten a response.

[illegible] her. It [illegible] man in the boat [illegible] There was [illegible] was racing [illegible] Terry knew [illegible] had tried [illegible] was [illegible] "Stop" she cried [illegible] saw the gun and [illegible] danger [illegible] was [illegible] the gun by the barrel she swung [illegible] a baseball bat as Rock [illegible] Her [illegible] was perfect [illegible] Rock [illegible] ush on the temple [illegible] of the boat.

[illegible] to an [illegible] with no hand at the throttle. [illegible] rowed [illegible] limbed [illegible] as Rock was beg[illegible] sat up groggily.

"Move up ahead," she ordered holding the gun [illegible] He di[illegible] be was told [illegible] about a word. Terry revved up the motor but [illegible] put [illegible] the little [illegible] pier. She sailed down the island coast [illegible] Sheri[illegible] Peters' house was near [illegible] the pier. As she drew [illegible] the d[illegible] she called [illegible] a group of [illegible] "Hello! Is Sheri[illegible] Peters there?"

The group [illegible] the boat and [illegible] the men [illegible] "Wh[illegible] was Sh[illegible] Peters [illegible] town, saw Rock [illegible] he gave Terry [illegible] to the [illegible] m T[illegible] Royall [illegible] and [illegible] was [illegible] my [illegible] boat [illegible] what [illegible]

[illegible] ped Rock [illegible] ag[illegible]

"Y[illegible] have a power [illegible] was after[illegible] You [illegible] seen [illegible] you [illegible] Where a[illegible] talk. The sher[illegible] ed a[illegible] m with magna[illegible]

Y[illegible] y water thief Rock" the [illegible] may [illegible] that a something we [illegible] like [illegible]ger. A[illegible]

[illegible] Terry heard the [illegible] power boat. As the boat neared [illegible] rasel's into the dark. [illegible] boat [illegible] and [illegible] ked [illegible]

[illegible] one of the two men [illegible]

[illegible] P[illegible] to be [illegible]

[illegible] hand [illegible] ve been meaning to pay [illegible] and [illegible] you [illegible] we [illegible] Royal. I've been one [illegible] us [illegible] the last [illegible] set [illegible] the [illegible] be in everlasting [illegible] gu[illegible] a [illegible] did [illegible]"

B[illegible] Terry d[illegible] even hear the [illegible] She [illegible] forehead [illegible] the [illegible] her hand.

"The potat[illegible]" she exclaimed. "They must be burnt [illegible] a [illegible]"

[illegible] her father laughed. "Never mind. We're going [illegible] eat out tonight."

THE END

MARVEL BATTLES THE FLAME FIEND!

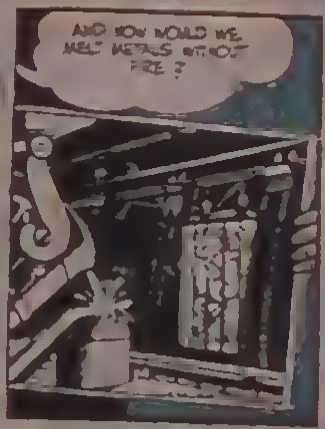
HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO LIVE IN TINDERBOX VALLEY SURROUNDED BY A PINE FOREST, OIL WELLS AND A COAL MINE ? AND WHERE THE SLIGHTEST FLAME COULD SWEEP DISASTER EVERYWHERE ?

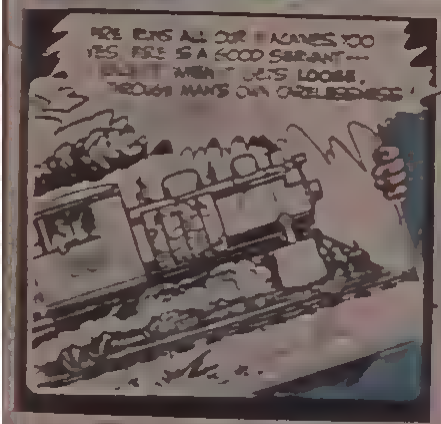
BILLY BATSON HAS BEEN INVITED TO TINDERBOX VALLEY FOR A SPECIAL TELEVISION BROADCAST

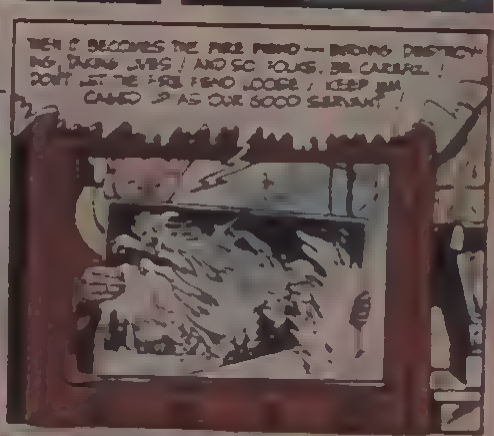
FOLKS ! YOUR MAYOR, THE HONORABLE JOHN LLOYD HAS ASKED ME TO SPEAK ABOUT THE DANGERS OF FIRE ! BUT FIRST OF ALL, REMEMBER THAT FIRE IS A GOOD SERVANT OF MANKIND, AS LONG AS IT IS KEPT CAGED !

FOR INSTANCE, FIRE COOKS OUR FOOD!

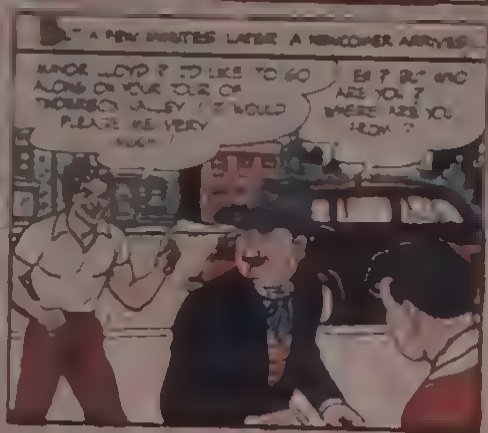
AND FIRE IS A GOOD SERVANT WHEN IT ——> OUR HOMES


AND HOW WOULD WE MELT METALS WITHOUT FIRE?


FIRE RUNS ALL OUR HOMES TOO YES, FIRE IS A GOOD SERVANT— BUT WHEN IT GETS LOOSE, THROUGH MAN'S OWN CARELESSNESS!

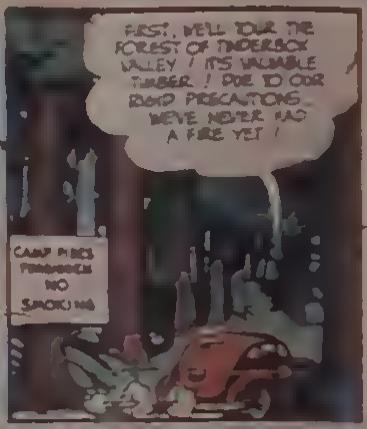

THEN IT BECOMES THE FIRE FIEND — BURNING, DESTROYING, TAKING LIVES! AND SO YOUNG, BE CAREFUL! DON'T LET THE FIRE FIEND LOOSE! KEEP HIM CHAINED UP AS OUR GOOD SERVANT!

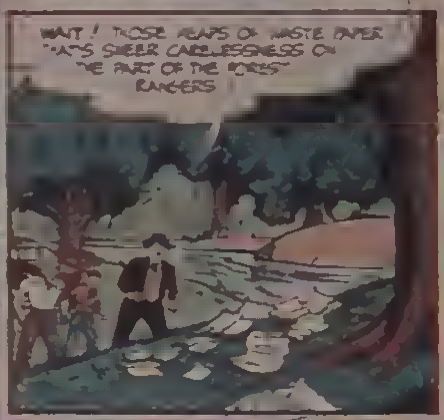
BROADCAST
I'VE PLANNED AN ALL-DAY TOUR OF THOMPSON VALLEY! I'D WANT YOU TO SEE OUR FIRE PREVENTION METHODS!
WONDERFUL, BILLY!
I'M READY, MAYOR LLOYD!


A FEW MINUTES LATER A NEWCOMER ARRIVES...
MAYOR LLOYD? I'D LIKE TO GO ALONG ON YOUR TOUR OF THOMPSON VALLEY! IT WOULD PLEASE ME VERY MUCH!
EH? BUT WHO ARE YOU? WHERE ARE YOU FROM?

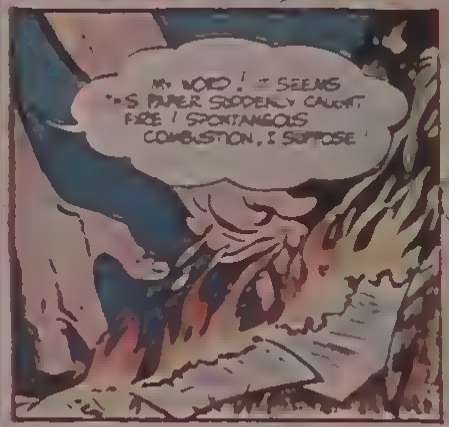
OH I'M FROM THE — ER — FIRE DEPARTMENT ! CALL ME HEETER !
ALL RIGHT, MR. HEETER ! YOU CAN COME ALONG !

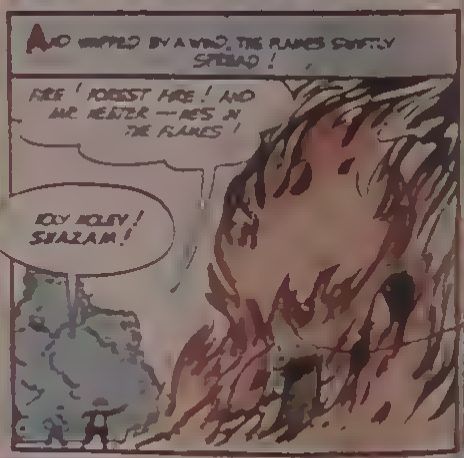
MY HAND ... IT BURNS ! WHAT ... ?
IT MUST BE YOUR IMAGINATION SIR ! SHALL WE GO ?


FIRST, WE'LL TOUR THE FOREST OF TINDERBOX VALLEY ! IT'S VALUABLE TIMBER ! DUE TO OUR ROAD PRECAUTIONS WE'VE NEVER HAD A FIRE YET !
CAMP FIRES PERMITTED NO SMOKING


WAIT ! THOSE REAPS OF WASTE PAPER THAT'S SHEER CARELESSNESS ON THE PART OF THE FOREST RANGERS !

WE'D BETTER CLEAR THIS DEBRIS AWAY ! IT'S A FIRE HAZARD !
I'LL HELP YOU !


MY WORD ! IT SEEMS THIS PAPER SUDDENLY CAUGHT FIRE ! SPONTANEOUS COMBUSTION, I SUPPOSE !


AND WHIPPED BY A WIND, THE FLAMES SWIFTLY SPREAD !
FIRE ! FOREST FIRE ! AND MR. HEETER — HE'S IN THE FLAMES !
HOLY MOLEY ! SHAZAM !

As Billy utters the mystic name, magic lightning flashes down and changes him to mighty Captain Marvel!

BOOM

Got to rescue Mr. Beeter — now! Here he comes now!

I guess I have done such foolish things about me

I carry shovels in the car! Hurry — dig a fire trench! We've got to keep the flames from spreading.

Mr. Beeter! Don't just lean on your shovel! Help us!

Uh — I can't! You see, I have a weak heart!

Working furiously, the world's mightiest mortal locates the raging blaze!

You do it, Captain Marvel! The fire's dying out!

But at the last moment...

Holy moley! "Sat" burning! Tree fell across the trench! Got to put it out quick and I know how!

Eek! [illegible] water!

Then [illegible] burning [illegible]

SPLASH

"WE" DID IT, CAPTAIN MARVEL! THE FIRES' OUT! THE FOREST IS SAVED!

YES, THE FIRES ALL OUT, SIR! IT'S ONLY A FEW TREES WERE BURNED!

HE'S A QUEER DUCK! HE ACTS DISAPPOINTED! AND WHY WAS HE AFRAID OF MERE WATER BEFORE? HMMM... WELL, BILLY HAD BETTER CONTINUE THE TOUR WITH THE MAYOR!

LATER, AFTER CAPTAIN MARVEL HAS CHANGED BACK TO BILLY...

WHY ARE WE STOPPING HERE, MAYOR LLOYD?

IT'S NOON! TIME FOR A PICNIC LUNCH! I HAD IT PLANNED!

YOU MEAN YOU'RE GOING TO BUILD A FIRE?

NO, BILLY! THIS IS A CHEMICAL STOVE! MR. HEETER YOU BRING THE FRANKFURTERS AND ROLLS!

TROUBLE IS, THIS STOVE'S NOT WORKING! DRAT! GUESS WE'LL HAVE TO EAT THEM COLD! PASS THEM OVER, MR. HEETER!

HERE, BILLY!

HEY! THE FRANKFURTER IS COOKED! AND THE BUN IS HOT!

ER--- QUITE A STRANGE SUN TODAY, DON'T YOU THINK?

SOMETHING PRETTY ODD ABOUT MR. HEETER! I CAN'T PUT MY FINGER ON IT BUT I HAVE A SUSPICION THAT... NO! NO, IT'S IMPOSSIBLE! I MUSTN'T LET FANCY RUN AWAY WITH ME!

LATER, THE TOWN OF TINDERBOX VALLEY LEADS TO THE OIL FIELDS!

THE FIRE DANGER IS EVEN GREATER HERE THAN AT THE FORREST! EVERYONE IS SEARCHED FOR MATCHES BEFORE BEING CLEARED!

ALL CLEAR! NOBODY HAS MATCHES! YOU CAN ENTER NOW!

THIS IS CARELESS. LETTING OIL RUN OVER THE GROUND FROM THAT NEW GUSHER AHEAD!

WHAT DOES OIL FEEL LIKE?

DEAR ME! FIRE AGAIN!

ITS SWEEPING TO THE WELL! SHAZAM!

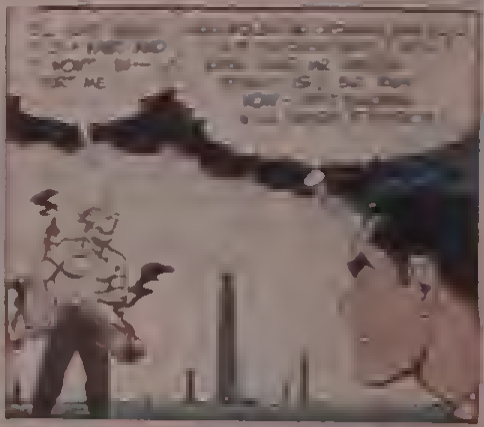
AGAIN MAGIC LIGHTNING -- AND CAPTAIN MARVEL!

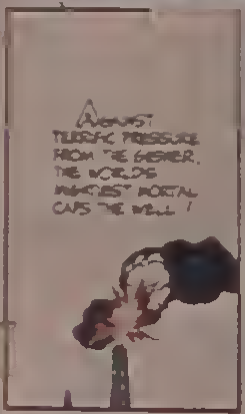
BOOM

BUT THE FLAME HAS ALREADY REACHED THE GUSHER!

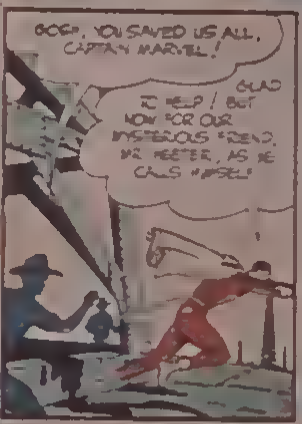
HOLY MOLEY! "LIKE" DOGS.

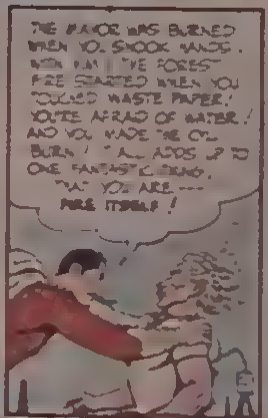
LOOK OUT, MR. HEETER! THAT BURNING OIL IS FLOWING ALL OVER US!

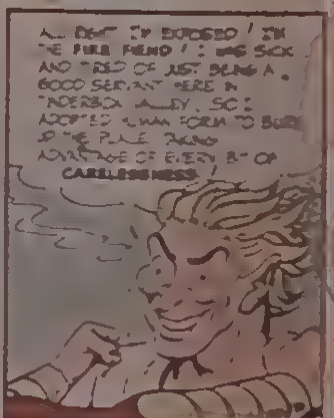



AGAINST TERRIFIC PRESSURE FROM THE GEYSER, THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MORTAL CAPS THE WELL!

THE SCREW HAS GIVEN WAY! NO MORE OIL GUSHING UP FROM BELOW. THE FLAMES WILL DIE OUT!

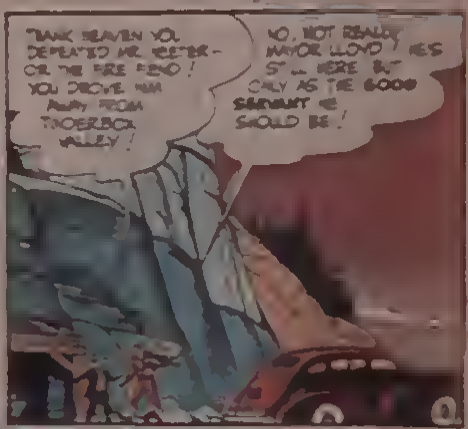

GOSH, YOU SAVED US ALL, CAPTAIN MARVEL!
GLAD TO HELP! BUT NOW FOR OUR MYSTERIOUS FRIEND, MR. HEETER, AS HE CALLS HIMSELF!

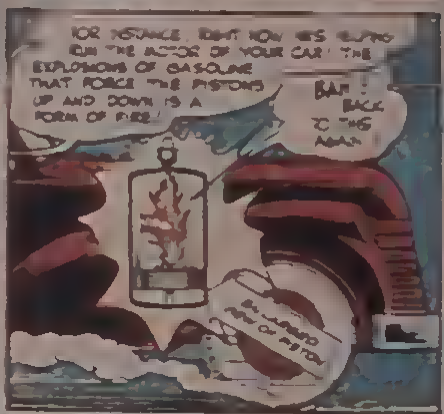

THE MAYOR WAS BURNED WHEN YOU SHOOK HANDS. MEN RAN! THE FOREST FIRE STARTED WHEN YOU TOUCHED WASTE PAPER! YOU'RE AFRAID OF WATER! AND YOU MADE THE OIL BURN! ALL ADDS UP TO ONE FANTASTIC FIEND. THAT YOU ARE --- FIRE ITSELF!


ALL RIGHT, I'M EXPOSED! I'M THE FIRE FIEND! I WAS SICK AND TIRED OF JUST BEING A GOOD SERVANT HERE IN INDERBOX VALLEY, SO I ADOPTED HUMAN FORM TO BURN UP THE PLACE. FIEND ADVANTAGE OF EVERY BIT OF CARELESSNESS!

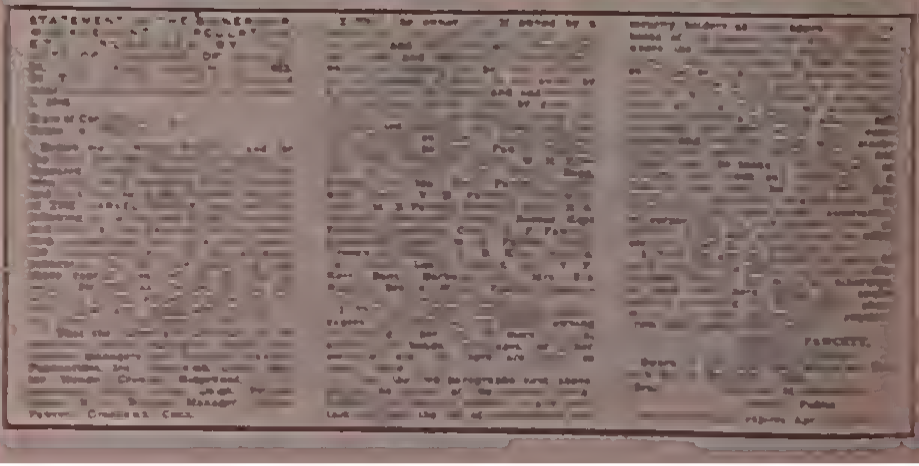
BUT YOU CAN'T HOLD ME PRISONER, FOOL! I'LL JUST SLIP OUT OF YOUR HANDS LIKE SMOKE
AS A MATTER OF COURSE! BUT WHERE DO THE FIRE HEAD GO? HOLY MOLEY, MAYBE THE COAL MINE OF THOSEBOCK VALLEY!
BUT AT THE COAL MINE ALREADY
I'VE GOT TO ACT FAST BEFORE THAT RED WRECKER FOLLOWS ME
AH... SOME MINER SNEAKED A SMOKE AND DON'T PUT THIS OUT! THAT'S WHAT ALWAYS GIVES ME A CHANCE TO MAKE GREAT FIRES — CARELESSNESS!
THE DAMP GAS WILL EXPLODE AND FIRE THE WHOLE MINE. NO, NO, NO!
HOLY MOLEY!
KEEP OUT DAMP GAS
BUT THE WORLD'S MEANEST MORTAL PLAGUES UP, AND...
IF YOU DON'T I'LL JUST TAKE OUT THIS CIGARETTE!
AND SINCE YOU HAVE HUMAN FORM YOU'RE SOLID ENOUGH TO TAKE THIS BLOW — INTO THE FLOODED DAMP...
KEEP OUT FLOODED
NO! NOT THE HELP!
SOK!

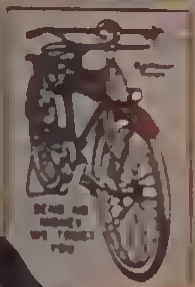
EAAAAAA!
YOU'RE NOT JUST DROWNING! YOU'RE VANISHING!

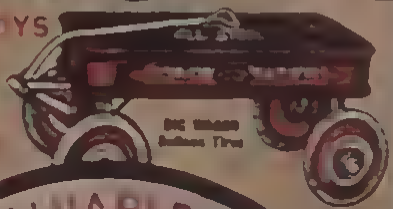

THANK HEAVEN YOU DEFEATED MR. FEETER-OR THE FIRE FIEND! YOU DROVE HIM AWAY FROM TINDERBOX VALLEY!
NO, NOT REALLY MAYOR LLOYD! HE'S STILL HERE BUT ONLY AS THE GOOD SERVANT HE SHOULD BE!

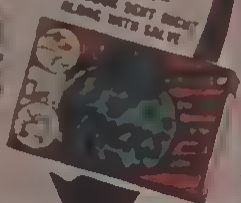

FOR INSTANCE, RIGHT NOW HE'S HELPING RUN THE MOTOR OF YOUR CAR! THE EXPLOSIONS OF GASOLINE THAT FORCE THE PISTONS UP AND DOWN IS A FORM OF FIRE!
BACK TO THIS AGAIN!
EXPLODING FUEL OF PISTON

YES FOLKS, LET'S ALL KEEP THE FIRE FIEND CHAINED AND WORKING FOR US AS A GOOD SERVANT. IT'S SO SIMPLE! CAN BE PUT IN THREE WORDS
DON'T BE CARELESS!









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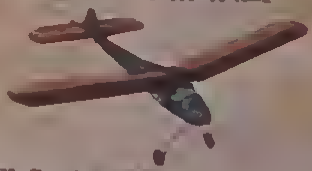

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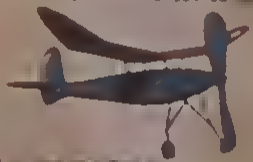

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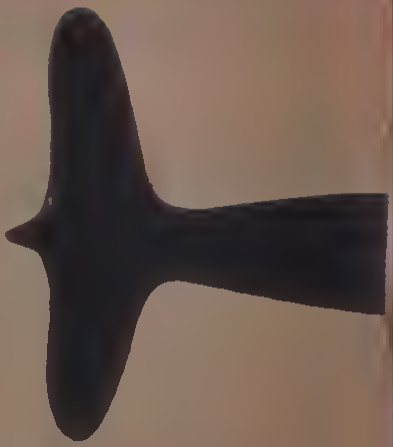

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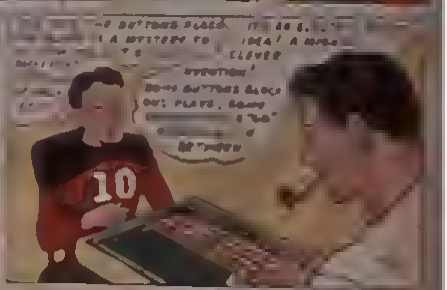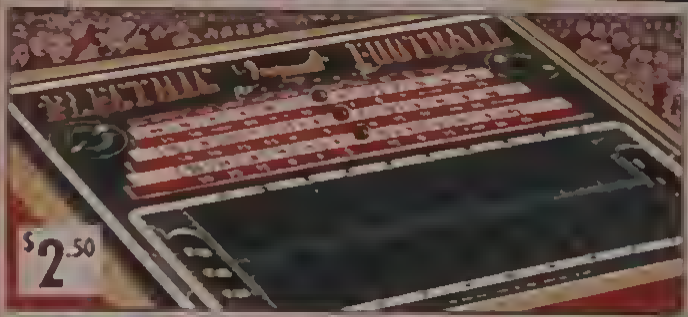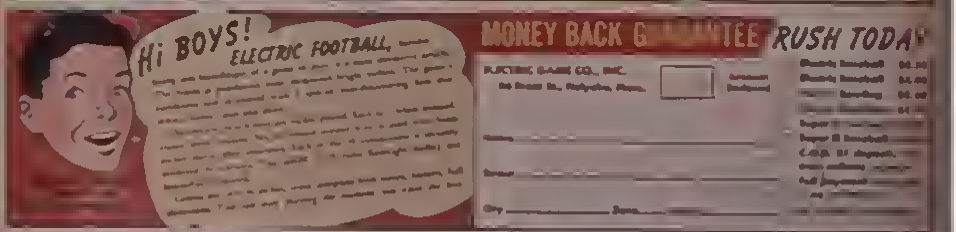
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